

1887-028 Chancery Causes: Clinton A. Maress vs. Susan Maress
Lee Co.

Blevins, Gawtz, Sullivan, Henry

CA-Divorce
T-Vices

To the Honorable F. S. K. Morison, Judge
of the Circuit Court of Lee Co.,

Humbly complaining, your
orator Ginton A. Maness, respectfully
represents unto your honor;
that some two years ago he intermar-
ried with one Susan Blewins with
whom he lived peacefully and happily
until about two years ago, when
to the surprise and mortification of your
orator, he learned that his wife had
become an adulteress, - unfaithful to the
vows of marriage; this being true your
orator left her to reform, repent &
feel the remorse and chagrin of her
own sinful and improvident con-
duct

Your orator alleges and avers
that the said Susan is guilty of
adultery, that she is notoriously
lewd, and that she at any and all
times will have intercourse with
other men. These representations
being true, your orator is advised
that his said marriage, in a court of
Chancery, will be annulled and a-
voided. Hence that is the object of
your orator's plea; And to that end he
humbly prays that your honor take

cognizance of his cause, make Susan
Mauers a party defendant
to this bill, she be required to answer
its allegations and averments fully, com-
pletely and perfectly upon her oath,
and that finally a decree be
rendered granting to your orator
a divorce a vinculo matrimonii,
avoiding and dissolving said marriage
forever, And such other, further
and general relief be awarded your
orator as equity and good conscience
deem meet and adapted to the na-
ture of his cause. Let Decree be
made. And he will ever pray &c

E. H. Pennington,
P. Q.

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C. A. Maness

vs { Bill for
 { divorce

Susan Maness

1887 July Bill filed Spa
 fid & decree nisi
" Aug. D. Nisi Conf'd &
 Cause set for hearing
" Aug decree final

1880 to 1890

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Clinton A. Maness Complt.

vs

Susan Maness Deft.

In Chancery

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the bill of the Complainant the depositions of witnesses and was argued by counsel; and it appearing to the court that process was duly served upon the said Deft. for more than a month before the first day of this term of the court, and that she failed to appear, plead, answer or answer to the said bill of complaint, the same is taken for confessed as to her; on consideration of all of which, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the said Complt. and Deft., be, and is hereby dissolved and annulled, ~~as if no~~ ^{the same} ~~matrimony~~ but that the said Deft. ~~be~~ is forever prohibited and restrained from marrying again in this State; and it is further ordered and adjudged that the said Complt. recover from the said Deft. his costs in this cause expended, for which an execution may issue. And the cause is stricken from the docket.

C. A. Maurer
vs { Secrecy final

Susan Maurer
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C. O. Booser No. 3.
J. H. Hyatt
cc

Enter this
H. K. M.
Aug 31st 1887.

To Mrs. Susan Maness

You are hereby notified
that on the 22nd day of July, 1887 at
the ^{saw} office of C. W. Pennington in the
town of Jarrico, Lee County, be-
tween the hours of 8 A.M. and 5 P.M.
of that day, I shall proceed to take
the depositions of James, Sullivan,
Andrew Maness and others, to be
read as evidence in my behalf in
a certain ~~suit~~ ^{suit} in Chancery, de-
pending in the Circuit ^{court} for the County
of Lee, wherein, I am ~~plaintiff~~
and you are defendant; and if
from any cause ~~the~~ taking of
said depositions be not com-
menced, or if commenced be not
concluded on that day, the taking
thereof will be adjourned from day to
day at the same place, until the
same be completed. This 22nd 1887.

Your Obedt. Servant
Clinton R. Maness.

C. A. Manus.
vs & Notice
Susan Manus
Executed by
delivering a true
Copy of the with-
in notice to Susan
Manus the 25th
day of June 1887
J W Bledsoe

Sworn to before me
the 25th day of June 1887

C. A. Maness Compld. }
vs } In Chancery
Susan Maness Dft

The depositions of James Sullivan, Abraham Gauntz & Mr Henry taken July 22nd 1887 at the law office of E. H. Pennington in Louisville, pursuant to notice hereto attached, and which are intended to be read as evidence on behalf of the plaintiff in the above styled cause.

Abraham Gauntz a witness of lawful being duly sworn deposes & says

Question 1st by Plaintiff

State if you are acquainted with Compld and Dft in this cause & if they are or have always been understood & reported to have been married.

Ans I have known the said parties ever since they were married, or reported to have been married.

Question 2nd by Pltff.

Are the said parties now living together or not?

Ans. They are not.

Question 3rd by same

How long have they been separated?

A year or more.

Question 4th by Same

Please state if you know that said deft. has been guilty of any acts of adultery or sexual intercourse with any other man than her said husband?

I do not know of any that I can tell ^{or hear}

Question 5th by Plaintiff.

Please state if you yourself ever had sexual intercourse with the said deft. & when & about how often.

Ans.

I ^{had sexual intercourse with deft.} have, some time ago, near about the time the said parties separated and a good many times

Question 6th by Plaintiff.

Have said parties to your knowledge ~~not~~ lived together since the facts above stated by you?

Ans

They have not to my knowledge
And further this deponent say-
eth not Abraham ^{his} County
March

James Sullivan another witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes & says that; "I have known the said Plaintiff & deft. to be have been understood to have been

married, and have been acquainted
with them ever since, and I my-
self have frequently known the
said Deft. to have sexual inter-
course with other men than her
said husband. May, the said plain-
tiff & Deft. have not to my know-
edge, and I am sure I would have
known^{it} if they had, ~~but~~ lived together
or since the said plaintiff became
apprised of the adulterous acts
of his wife. She now lives on Copen-
ridge in Penn. And further
her witness saith not.

James ^{Wm} Sullivan

You Henry another witness of
lawful age deposes and says
after being duly sworn
Questionst by Plaintiff

Please state, if you know,
if the said Deft. has been guilt-
y of any acts of adultery or sex-
ual intercourse with other men
than her said husband, since
their marriage?

Ans

I have more than once known
the Deft. in this cause to have

been guilty of having sexual intercourse with other man than her husband and that since their marriage.

Question 2nd by Same

Please state if you yourself ever had illicit intercourse with said deft & when?

I have had sexual intercourse with said deft and since their marriage. E

Question 3rd by same

State if the said parties have lived and cohabited together since the said Plaintiff became apprised of the infidelity of his said wife

Ans.

They have not lived and cohabited together since Plaintiff was apprised of the facts heretofore stated to my knowledge. And if they had so ~~not~~ lived together, me being a neighbor to plaintiff I think I would have known it.

And further this defendant says the not. William H. Hurry
marked

Not claims

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The foregoing deposition was
taken, before me read over
Subscribed and sworn to by
the witnesses July 22nd 1887.

J. H. Hyatt Clerk

C. A. Maness
vs 3 Depo.
Susan Maness

Filed July 23 1887.
J. H. Wyatt & Co.

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The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of LEE COUNTY--Creeting:

WE COMMAND YOU to summon Susan Maness

to appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Lee County, at the Court House
on the first Monday in July next, being Rule Day, to answer a
Bill in Chancery exhibited in our Court against her, by
Geo Clinton A. Maness

And have then and there this Writ. Witness, J. A. G. HYATT, Clerk of our said
Court, at the Court House, this 21st day of June 1887 in
the 111 year of the Commonwealth.

J. A. G. Hyatt Clerk.

A Copy Teste:

Virginia Lee County, to wit:

This day Isaac W. Bleckson personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Justice of the peace in and for said County and State, and made oath that he delivered a copy of the within Spec. to Susan Maurice on the 25th day of June 1887 & since under my hand this the 25th day of June 1887

Jno. M. R. J. P.

E. A. Maurice

E. A. Maurice

Isaac W. Bleckson

Susan Maurice

25 July 1887

Executed by de-

claring an officer
copying of the within
in Spec. to Susan
Maurice, this the
25th day of June, 1887

J. W. Bleckson